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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE  
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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 231232

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, SHUM, SF

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF BIKO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

REF: PRETORIA 5373

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED PRESS GUIDANCE REFTEL IN CONNECTION WITH SAG'S DETENTION OF BIKO FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 12: BEGIN TEXT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO DEPLORE THE DETENTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS WITHOUT CHARGE OR RECOURSE TO TRIAL. THESE LATEST DETENTIONS WHICH OCCURRED EARLY SEPTEMBER 11 OF ELEVEN FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE LATE MR. BIKO CAN ONLY EXACERBATE ALREADY STRAINED RELATIONS AMONG  
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CITIZENS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD IMMEDIATELY CHARGE OR RELEASE THEM. END TEXT.

2. DEPARTMENT IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL TO INDICATE THE CONCERN OF THE USG DIRECTLY TOTHE SAGATTHE DETENTIONS OF THE ABOVE, ESPECIALLY MR.

AND MRS. MVOVO AND MS. MPUMLWANA. EMBASSY MAY ALSO

WISH TO EXPRESS RESERVATIONS GENERALLY ABOUT THE SAG'S  
USE OF DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL TO SILENCE LEGITIMATE  
DISSENT.

3. SUGGEST EMBASSY MAY WISH TO REPEAT REFTTEL TO GABORONE,  
MBABANE, AND MASERU. CHRISTOPHER

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